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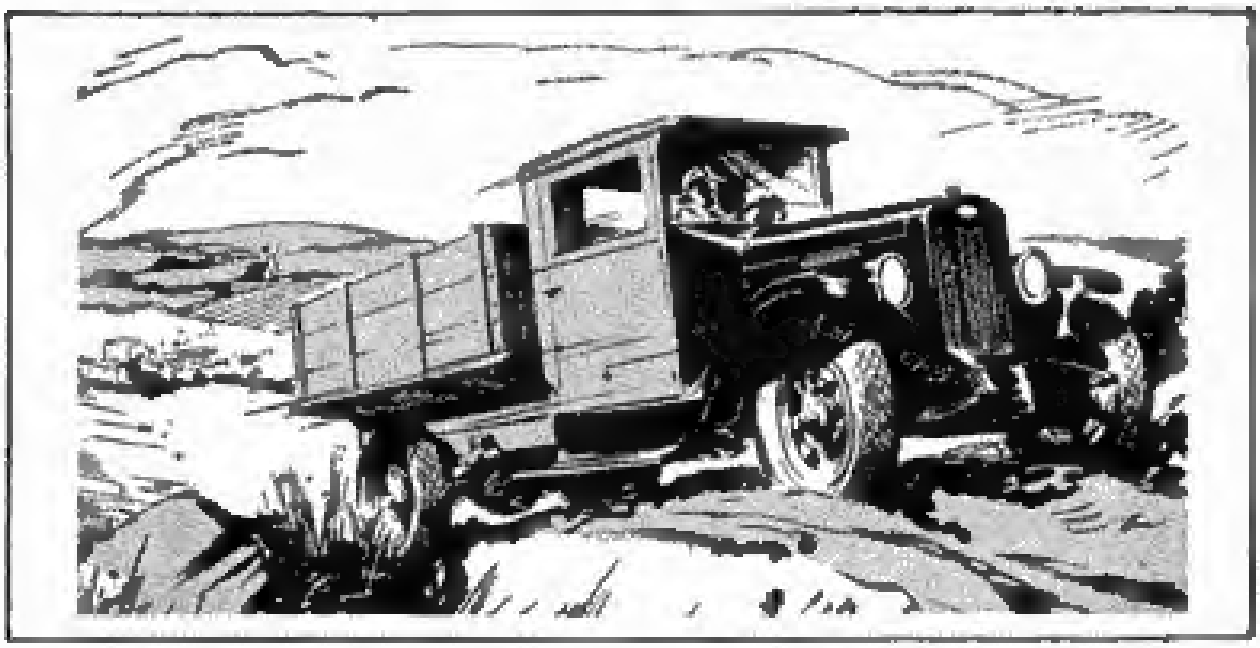

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EDITORIAL

HIGH COST OF FUEL OIL

The price of fuel oil for farm purposes was the subject of a warranted protest at the recent convention of the Bow River U.F.A. Federal Constituency Association, when the Federal and Provincial Governments were requested to investigate this matter and seek a remedy. Mr. Wheatley pointed out that in view of the increasing use of oil driven tractors the situation tends to become acute.

Until a few months ago the companies were willing to sell distillate to the farmers, and this was obtainable at comparatively reasonable prices. Apparently by the edict of the strongest company, or by arrangement between the companies operating in Turner Valley, the sale of distillate at the wells has been stopped, and only the higher priced fuels can now be obtained. This arbitrary action has proved a heavy blow to producers engaged in power farming.

It seems absurd that the producers of the major part of Alberta's wealth should be penalized in the carrying on of their operations for the benefit, apparently, of the oil companies. The prosperity of agriculture in Alberta today depends very largely upon the obtaining of fuel oil at reasonable cost.

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POWER RESOURCES

The need in the public interest for the early development of Alberta's power resources under public ownership has been emphasized by several of the recent conventions of U.F.A. Constituency Associations. The private power interests continue to strengthen their grip upon the distribution system. They are alert and fully alive to the power possibilities of the Province. They do not desire to go slowly nor are they affrighted by the necessity for large outlays.

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IN THE ARGENTINE

In an address reported in this issue, W. J. Jackman described with great wealth of detail the state of the primary producers of the Argentine Republic. Their position is a tragic one, and it may require many years of determined effort to bring about a substantial improvement. Their helplessness under the prevailing system of handling and marketing grain which Mr. Jackman vividly portrayed, brings reactions in the world wheat market injurious to the interests of Canadian wheat growers. Even on the grounds of economic self-interest, therefore, any assistance which can be given them by placing at their disposal a knowledge of the Canadian farmers' experience, is likely to bring substantial rewards to the organized farmers of Canada in years to come.

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WOMEN AND THE SENATE

It is, we believe, generally agreed that any remaining political disabilities under which women are placed should be removed. The effort to secure the right for women to sit in the Senate has therefore taken on the character of a fight for equal rights. Since men can be appointed to the Senate, women should be eligible also.

It is a somewhat ironical circumstance that the effort to secure this right for women should be contemporaneous with the decision of most progressive Canadians that men should be deprived of the privilege of membership in that anachronistic body—in other words, that the Senate should be abolished whenever the means of abolishing it can be devised. As a means of safeguarding Provincial rights it is of no practical value, and sooner or later, unless Canada is to remain in this respect in a political stone age, the second chamber must be discarded, or replaced by some institution more in keeping with twentieth century requirements.

If women acquire the right to sit in the Senate, it is to be hoped none of them will take advantage of it. If they do, they will merely tend to prolong the life of an outworn institution.

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REPARATIONS

The fair and just way to deal with the question of reparations is to wipe them out.

Most students of the origins of the world war long ago abandoned the theory of the Central Powers' sole responsibility, which should never have been embodied in the peace treaty.

If the Central Powers were not solely responsible for the war, there is no justification for the continuance of financial obligations which are based upon a false declaration of responsibility. Germany could rightly be called upon to bear a large part of the cost of restoring devasted areas, but, for the rest, "reparations" is merely a new-fangled term for the exactions of the victors from the vanquished.

This has been recognized, tacitly at least, by some allied statesmen. The publication from time to time of official war

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NEWS OF THE ORGANIZATION

Activities of U.F.A. Locals and District Associations and Information from Central Office—Notes on Co-operation

NATEBY REORGANIZED

Nateby U.F.A. Local was reorganized on July 16th by G. A. Forster. All the members re-joining signed the Wheat Pool authorization forms for payment of dues to Central Office.

KENNEDY HONORARY PRESIDENT

"We have pleasure in informing you that our member of Parliament, D. M. Kennedy, has accepted with best wishes the honorary presidency of our Local," writes James DesRosiers, secretary of Bachelor U.F.A. Local. This Local, which was formerly known as "Champlain Local," is in the Falher district, where the crop this year, Mr. DesRosiers states, will average 90 per cent of the 1927 total.

AT ROCKWOOD

At the Rockwood U.F.A. picnic held at Sundre, reports the *Olds Gazette*, local agriculturists heard addresses by Messrs. A. Speakman, N. S. Smith and Dr. Skimer. Mr. McKay was chairman. Dr. Skimer spoke on co-operation with particular reference to the Livestock Pool; Mr. Smith dealt with Provincial matters, especially road construction; and Mr. Speakman, who explained the work of the House of Commons on the Grain Act and the Elections Act. Mr. Speakman sounded a warning to U.F.A. members not to be found asleep at the switch when the next election special rolled by.

GHOST PINE LOCAL

At the regular meeting of the Ghost Pine U.F.A. Local in the Lumsi school on August 6th, a report was presented on the recent picnic, and delegates were appointed to the Didsbury U.F.A. Provincial Constituency Convention. This is a joint Local, and Mrs. Hepburn, Director of the U.F.W.A., gave a most interesting address on the work which is being accomplished by the women in connection with the Association, and also showed that there was a great opportunity to inaugurate a Junior U.F.A. Local here in order that the young people may develop a vital interest in the affairs of their country. Lunch was served by the ladies at the close of the meeting.

PICNIC AT WEST FERRY

A very successful picnic was held by Fawcett U.F.A. Local on July 13th, at West Ferry, on the Pembina River, when members and visitors took part in swimming, diving and other sports events. George MacLachlan, M.L.A., the member for Pembina Provincial Constituency, gave an interesting talk on a variety of subjects, including the new School Bill, and presented his annual report on his work as a member of the Legislature, states H. C. Bell, secretary of the Local, who adds, "He mildly rebuked us, as well as other Locals throughout the constituency, for our dearth of resolutions at the convention last June, and well he might, for the days of members doing all of the thinking for the people should be past. Anyhow, we are always glad to see our member, and we may congratulate ourselves on having a representative who pays regular visits, reporting back directly to the people what has gone on in the past, and to my knowledge (of fourteen years' residence here), he is the only member who has ever paid this district a visit. The sign-up for the Livestock Pool is now on and we expect a goodly number to sign the contract."

SPIRIT RIVER U.F.W.A.

The Spirit River U.F.W.A. held a most interesting meeting at the home of Mrs. Charles Marple, on August 8th, states Mrs. L. V. Peacock, secretary. A large gathering was present. The meeting opened with the singing of "The Maple Leaf." During the business of the meeting the financial committee presented their report, showing that the sale of home-cooking, held July 27th, had netted $47.05. The Local extended its thanks to all the ladies who kindly gave donations, particularly Mrs. C. Scott and Mrs. H. Young. The sale was a splendid success. The Local gave an unanimous vote in favor of definite steps being taken by the women to start a hospital as soon as threshing is over. The Local members pledged themselves to help to interest the various school boards of the district in having adequate playground equipment. At the close of the meeting the hostesses, Mrs. C. Marple and Mrs. A. Marple, Sr., served a delicious lunch.

Urge Commencement of the Whitecourt Highway

Other Peace River Resolutions Deal with Weed Control and Moral Instruction

Commencement of construction this season of the Whitecourt highway, or at least a portion of it of sixty miles in length, was urged by the Peace River U.F.A. Provincial Constituency Convention, in a resolution adopted by the delegates. A general report of the Convention was published in *The U.F.A.* recently, and the list of important resolutions has now been received from the secretary-treasurer, Charles F. Hopkins. Among them is a resolution in respect to the cleaning of noxious weeds from settlers' effects, and of grain cars at the terminals; and the following resolution dealing with teaching in educational institutions:

Higher Principles of Living

"Whereas, we believe that the education of the individual is not necessarily a benefit to the state, since we have instances wherein education has been used by the individual to the detriment of society at large;

"Be it resolved, that those who teach in our public and high schools and in our university, be encouraged to make use of any opportunity they may have of instilling into the minds of the pupils and students appreciation of the higher principles of living."

With reference to the problem of weed control, Mr. Hopkins pointed out that as in the Peace River there is an enormous amount of land just being broken, and as it is not as yet infested with noxious weeds except in small areas, it is possible for this area to offer clean seed to the West. The weeds now in the country, however, have been brought in with settlers' effects and on cars coming from weed-infested districts. A resolution was therefore adopted urging most strongly the adoption of:

"Legislation as soon as possible to enforce the inspection and cleaning of noxious weeds from settlers' effects at point of loading," and also the enforcement of "cleaning of grain cars at the terminals."

Why Highway is Needed

The reasons why the construction of the Whitecourt highway at the earliest possible date is considered desirable are set forth at length in the following resolution:

"Whereas this route (The Whitecourt highway) would greatly assist the settlers east of the Big Smoky River in opening up truck service to market their produce as well as opening up over two million acres of arable land for settlement; and

"(2) Whereas the trend of land settlement follows the travelled highways; and

"(3) Whereas, due consideration was exercised by the people of this district in not trying to embarrass or force the hand of the Government until such time as progress had been made with the Peace River Highway; and

"(4) Whereas the Peace River Highway was to be made passable during the year 1928; and

"(5) Whereas the financial burden of the Provincial Government has been greatly reduced on account of the disposition of its railroads; and

"(6) Whereas, the route suggested for this highway follows the high level ground, well drained, of good soil formation and fairly clear which would make the construction very reasonable; and

"(7) Whereas, the route is within easy reach of Edmonton, being only a distance from Grande Prairie to Edmonton of 286 miles and requiring only a distance of 63 miles to be opened up, being that portion from the point at which the proposed route leaves the Edson trail 26 miles south of Sturgeon Lake to the crossing of the Athabasca River; and

"(8) Whereas, this route would be the connecting link of a highway from Fort St. John, B.C., to Edmonton and beyond; and

"(9) Whereas, the demand for opening up this highway is well warranted according to the detailed information attached;

"Therefore, be it resolved, that a start be made on the construction of the Whitecourt Highway early in the season of 1929, or at least that portion of the highway from 26 miles south of Sturgeon Lake to the Athabasca River as heretofore referred to, being a distance of 63 miles, be opened up."

IN THE PEACE RIVER

Wheat cutting in the Peace River district commenced at Judah on August 8th, when a fine field of Garnet Wheat was cut.

Hold Notable Co-Operative Conference in Manitoba

Delegates Representing Many Phases of Co-operation Join Hands for Common Ends

The following account of a recent co-operative conference in Manitoba which marks a notable chapter in the history of the co-operative movement in the sister Province, is given in the Winnipeg Weekly Free of August 9th:

The Manitoba Co-operative Conference, representing a gross annual turnover of $120,000,000 and a membership of 40,000, held its first annual meeting on Wednesday at the Wheat Pool offices, Winnipeg. Colin H. Burnell, president of the Manitoba Pool, was chairman.

Sixty members of the executive boards of Manitoba co-operative organizations attended.

Delegates representing producer organizations at the conference included the following: Wheat, $80,000,000; live stock, $5,000,000; dairy, $3,000,000; poultry, $1,000,000; wool, $100,000; fish, $600,000. The Wawanesa Mutual carries $40,000,000 fire insurance for 15,000 members, and the Co-operative Wholesale did $300,000 business last year, and is now doing business at the rate of $120,000 a month.

Educational Campaign Planned

To make its organization more effective the conference decided to promote education among adults and children. As early a date as possible a Co-operative Institute will be held at the Agricultural College. It was felt that the best advertisement for the producers' pools was their annual statements.

The educational campaign will stress the desirability of co-operative purchasing and the establishment of a distributing "co-op" throughout the prairies.

School Bill is Endorsed by Didsbury Convention

Approve Road Policy and Oppose Assisted Immigration—Claypool and Baker Speak

The Didsbury Constituency U.F.A. and U.F.W.A. held their annual convention in Carbon on August 7th. Fully 100 delegates were present, the meeting being declared an open one. The principal speakers were A. B. Claypool, M.L.A., and the Minister of Education, Hon. Perren Baker.

Mr. Claypool reviewed the phenominal success of the U.F.A. in solving the hard problems of the Province under stress of the huge difficulties in their first years of office. He spoke of the success attained in the three greatest problems they had to face: Railroads, Irrigation and Telephones. No other Government could have accomplished as much, because the present one had the support of the rank and file through the U.F.A. Locals. The present problems were: Taxation, Power Development and Education. Mr. Claypool spoke of the Natural Resources question as being now definitely within sight of settlement, and cautioned the people to go slowly re development of power, giving as his reason the immense expenditure which would be involved, the thinly settled condition of our rural areas, etc.

Re education, the member said the Minister was here to handle that for us so he talked awhile on the road building program and yielded the floor to Mr. Baker.

The Minister gave a very clear understanding of the changes in the proposed bill, answering all questions put to him afterwards in his kindly and clear manner, sometimes waxing humorous in defense of the system. The convention was so well pleased that they adopted, by a good majority, a resolution supporting the Minister's proposed changes.

Resolutions Adopted

The following resolutions were passed:

One, asking the Government to obtain power to demand a daily cream sheet by all creameries operating in the Province;

Two, urging that municipal districts be given more stringent control over commercial trucks on dirt roads;

Third, asking the Government to control chain stores and lumber yards so they cannot reduce prices at one point to the detriment of co-operative enterprises;

Fourth, commending the Provincial Government in their attitude on the power question and asking that power be developed on a Government basis when the time is feasible;

Fifth, protesting against the present Dominion system of assisted immigration;

Sixth, commending the Provincial Government on their road building program and asking *that they be not stampeded into larger expenditures by the force of recent propaganda*; and

Seventh, that the indigents in municipalities be taken care of by some form of insurance to be created by the Government.

An excellent dinner and supper were served by the Carbon U.F.W.A., who received a hearty vote of thanks from the convention.

All the previous officers were re-elected en bloc, and the meeting adjourned at 7 p.m., having been a most successful one.

Mrs. CORA J. KERNS.

Pool Taking Action Against Contract Breakers

(By Pool Publicity Dept.)

Following the cut-off on the 15th of July when the 1928-29 Pool was closed, the Alberta Wheat Pool is taking court action against Pool members who failed to deliver all the wheat they raised during that crop year. The Pool contract calls for the delivery of all wheat raised by each Pool member within the confines of the Province and the stipulated penalty for infractions is 25 cents a bushel. While the great bulk of the members are loyal, there are some who have apparently overlooked their legal obligations, and the organization is taking energetic action against the latter. It is realized by the Pool that court action is undesirable but at the same time it is not fair to the bulk of the membership for a comparatively small number to act disloyally and flout their contract.

U. S. CROP REPORT

The United States Government crop report estimates the 1929 total production of wheat at 774,000,000 bushels. Of this total 568,000,000 is Winter wheat and 205,000,000 Spring and Durum Wheat. In 1928 the total wheat production of the United States was 902,000,000 bushels.

Stettler U.F.A. Convention is Most Successful

Members of Constituency and Officers give Addresses on Public Issues

Clear skies and bright sunshine greeted the farmers and farm women as they gathered in Stettler for their Annual Convention on August 9th.

The forenoon was taken up by the U.F.W.A., who were addressed by Mrs. Warr, President of the U.F.W.A., and Mrs. Zipperer, U.F.W.A. Director for Camrose.

At 2 p.m. the Convention was called to order by the president, M. E. Holder. H. A. Blair, Mayor of Stettler, gave an address of welcome on behalf of the town of Stettler. This was followed by the election of a chairman and secretary for the meeting. Mr. Holder was elected chairman, and E. A. Hanson, secretary.

Robt. Gardiner, M.P. for Acadia, then addressed the Convention, dealing mainly with the changes in the Canada Grain Act made at the last session of Parliament. A resolution asking that the Certificate Final from terminal elevators show the composition of the mix that has taken place, passed by a one vote majority.

A. L. Sanders, M.L.A., for Stettler, gave a very complete and comprehensive report of the last session of the Legislature. A number of questions were asked in regard to the new Farm Loan Act.

The election of officers for the coming year took place just before the adjournment for supper, and resulted as follows:

M. E. Holder, re-elected president by acclamation. Mrs. R. Price, having held the office of vice-president for a number of years, refused to stand for re-election. Mrs. Nellie Chinn was then elected vice-president.

The following were elected directors: Mr. R. Groat, Endiang; Mr. B. C. Duncan, Big Valley; Mr. R. Beattie, Stettler; Mr. Duncan Clark, Stettler; Mr. E. Armstrong, Botha; Mr. Arlie Johnson, Alliance.

The first subject taken up at the evening session was that of resolutions. The first, dealing with compulsory summer fallowing every third year, was voted down. The second resolution, asking the Provincial Government to consider the issuing of motor vehicle licenses on a quarterly basis, was passed.

Mrs. Zipperer then addressed the convention briefly, dealing particularly with the new Farm Loan Act.

J. E. Brown, U.F.A. director for Camrose and a former president of this Association, spoke briefly on the urgent necessity for greater effort on the part of the farmer for organization. Mrs. A. H. Warr, President of the U.F.W.A., was the next speaker and gave a splendid address on the U.F.A. movement, especially in regard to the importance of the Junior part of it. She left the impression of being a very worthy successor to the former President, Mrs. Gunn.

Wm. Irvine, M.P. for Wetaskiwin, was the last speaker, and, in his usual interesting style, held the audience spell-bound for an hour and a half.

Taken all through, it was one of the very best conventions we have had. The speakers were all good and the delegates and visitors went home with a good supply of material to think over, which is bound to bear fruit for the betterment of conditions for the men and women on the land.

E. A. HANSON,
Secretary

Big Valley, Alta.

Harvesting Short-Strawed Crop With Ordinary Binder

To assist in the solution of the problem of harvesting the short strawed crop which is found in many parts of Alberta this year, the Alberta Department of Agriculture has recently been conducting investigations into the possibility of making changes in binders at little cost which will enable them to do similar work to that done by the header.

Successful experiments have been carried out, and we print below a description, by Hon. George Hoadley, Minister of Agriculture, of the means by which the necessary changes may be made, to enable farmers to save what feed they can in the short crop districts and also to secure every possible bushel of grain without undue expenditure for equipment. In the south many farmers had to meet problems similar to that with which other districts are now meeting and experience then gained has been found useful to the Department in making its recommendations.

Minister's Statement

The Minister's statement, which was issued immediately after our last issue went to press, and has been given some publicity, is as follows:

The ordinary grain binder is but poorly adapted to the harvesting of such crop. Some of the cut grain is lost in elevating and more by the time it passes the packers; sheaves are poorly bound or not bound at all, with the result that much of the grain is lost in handling. To overcome the drawbacks of the binder for harvesting such grain, the header has been invented and is now used extensively in some districts, but since the present conditions are not likely to be soon repeated, the purchase of headers would not be justified. It is possible, however, to make certain changes in the binder at low expense that will enable it to do similar work to that done by the header. Such changes are outlined below:

The Necessary Changes

First remove the sheaf carrier and binder parts and the idle roller. An extension elevator is then added to the ordinary elevator, so that instead of using only one elevator canvas, three are employed. The front and rear sides of the extension are built similar to the original elevator. The drive is from the upper rollers of the extended elevator. This drive is secured by bolting to the upper front end of the extended elevator another gear assembly like the one on the upper front of the short elevator. The two gear assemblies are connected by a square rod with a universal joint at each end.

It will be found necessary in the upper gear assembly to key the front end of the lower elevator roller shaft to the gear; otherwise the gear would unscrew from the roller shaft, as the strain is reversed on the threads. This may be done by drilling a hole into the roller shaft and half into the gear. Tap the hole, and screw in a bolt for a key. The lower end of the extension elevator is hinged on four bolt at each side to permit of flexibility in up and down motion. The extension elevator is suspended in proper position by means of a rod attached to a ball at the upper end. The rod extends from the hole to the platform frames behind the grain wheel.

It is an advantage to increase the speed of the canvas to insure more effective delivery of the grain. This is effected by wrapping the driving rollers with one thickness of narrow belting and by putting on a speed sprocket, which can be secured from the various machine companies. In order to brush the heads on to the platform canvas more effectively and keep the guards clear, the reel slats should be widened about three inches by nailing on them some flexible material such as linoleum or very heavy canvas. A more durable arrangement is to hinge another reel slat to each regular one by means of three narrow strips of belting. For windy weather a canvas hood may be attached over the upper end of the elevator.

Handling Cut Grain

Two ways of handling the cut grain are suggested. The one involving the least expense for equipment requires the use of ordinary wagon racks as receptacles for the cut grain—a wagon being drawn along the side of the converted binder. It will be necessary to make the bottom, sides and ends of the rack tight, and it may be advisable to lower the side of the rack next the binder, to that the elevator may project well above it.

Two such racks would be necessary, so that while one is unloading the grain at the stack the other would be in use with the binder. Stacks of headed grain are usually built rather narrow—10 or 12 feet—but may be as long and high as convenient. Spoilage in stacks is very infrequent unless a lot of green weeds are cut with the grain, provided of course that the grain is reasonably mature.

The other method of handling the cut grain calls for the use of what is known as a header barge, which has been in successful use for several years in sections of the Province. The barge is a specially constructed portable form about seven feet square which moulds the stack as the grain pours into it from the binder. A man in the barge spreads the grain and tramps it, and when it is full and topped off, making a stack about eight feet high, the barge is tilted back and the grain is slid out. The stacks are left with perpendicular sides and tops that shed the rain. The grain cures well in these small stacks and produces a good grade.

There are three ways of threshing these stacks: First they may be arranged

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Binder Adapted to Do Work of Header

The device described in accompanying article in use in field.

Short-Strawed Grain in Stack

The Canadian Farm Loans Scheme in Operation

An Interview With the Provincial Treasurer

Since the machinery of the Canadian Long Term Farm Loans scheme was set in motion in Alberta, *The U.F.A.* has received inquiries from a number of readers in regard to certain features of the undertaking, particularly with reference to the rate of interest and the subscription of capital stock, amounting to five per cent of the sum loaned, which is made by the borrower, and also in regard to the purposes for which loans may be obtained.

We publish below an interview given to *The U.F.A.* by Hon. R. G. Reid, Provincial Treasurer, in which these questions are dealt with. Farmers who have applied for loans have received copies of the regulations from the Board, and others may obtain them on writing to the head office of the Board in Edmonton.

It may be stated in brief that every applicant must be at least 21 years of age; must satisfy the Board as to character and reputation and experience in and capacity for farming; that his business is farming, or that he proposes to acquire a farm for immediate occupation; and that he owns, occupies or cultivates or proposes immediately to acquire, occupy and cultivate the land on the security of which he applies for a loan. No loans will be advanced in excess of $10,000, or be made in excess of 40 per cent of the Board's appraised value of the land for agricultural purposes, and loans will not be made in excess of 20 per cent of the fully insured improvements. An inspection fee of $10 must accompany each loan, together with legal expenses on a cost basis. The Board requires a first mortgage on the property in respect to which a loan is advanced.

Interest and Plans of Repayment

The rate of interest is 6½ per cent, and the rate on arrears 7 per cent. It is repayable on the amortization plan, in annual or semi-annual instalments of principal and interest. Four alternative methods of payment may be adopted by the borrower as follows, Plan No. 1 being used in the absence of an expression of preference by the borrower:

Plan No. 1.—Twenty-two annual instalments of $8.50 for each $100, and final, twenty-third instalment of $8.31 per $100.

Plan No. 2.—Forty-four annual instalments of $4.35 per $100 and forty-fifth and final instalment of $5.25 per $100.

Plan No. 3.—Thirty-one annual instalments of $7.50 for each $100, and final, thirty-second, payment of $7.47 per $100.

Plan No. 4.—Sixty-three semi-annual instalments of $3.75 per $100.

The whole or any part of a loan may be repaid on any date on which an instalment comes due, subject to Board regulations.

As a shareholder, the borrower will be entitled to share in the profits of the Board's operations, and when accumulated dividends and accrued interest thereon are sufficient to provide for the balance due under the loan, the total will be credited to the borrower as a final payment.

Mr. Reid Discusses Scheme

In considering the whole Canadian Farm Loan Scheme, it is necessary to hold certain things clearly in mind, stated Hon. R. G. Reid, in discussing the scheme recently with *The U.F.A.*, the first and the most important of which probably is that it is an attempt to obtain money on mortgage loans on farm property at cost. Having this in mind, said Mr. Reid, the system is being designed and set up in such a way that any profit that arises out of the operation of the Board shall accrue to the borrowers under the scheme.

"Incidentally, of course, if there is any loss under the scheme, which it seems rather difficult to anticipate, then that loss will be shared in by the borrowers under the scheme to the extent of the share capital that they subscribe for," the Minister added. "It is rather difficult for me to see how it would be possible for it to be regulated in any other way if this fundamental principle is adhered to, and so, in the first instance, the whole operation of the Board is governed by the price that must be paid for the money.

"Provincial Governments at the present time are paying slightly over 5 per cent. It is quite likely that the Farm Loan Board will be paying the same amount, approximately. It is apparent, therefore, that money can only be available for farm loans on the basis of this 5 per cent plus whatever may be the cost of the administration of the system, and in administration provision must be made for any loss that is incidental to the conduct of the business.

Percentage of Spread

"In certain countries where schemes of this description are in operation, the percentage of spread between the cost and the percentage at which it is loaned comes very close to one half of one per cent. I think this is the case in New Zealand and it is also the case that it has been less than 1 per cent in most of the Australian states. It is easy to understand that this cost would probably be a little higher than in their states, and whether or not 1 per cent is sufficient is a question that can only be determined by experience. While the spread that is being charged by the Canadian Farm Loan Board is 1½ per cent, this is not such a serious matter as might appear on the face of it, having in mind again that the whole system is to be operated on a cost basis. For every $100 worth loaned (that is subscribed), the borrower subscribes for $5 of share capital. The Federal Government and the Provincial Government each subscribe for an additional 5 per cent and the interest rate which they may be paid on the money that is advanced to the scheme in this way is limited to 5 per cent irrespective of whether the money costs them more than this amount or not.

"On the other hand, the common shareholders (if we might call them such, the borrowing shareholders), carry the only stock on which dividends can be paid in excess of 5 per cent, and so, for instance, if the cost of operation were found to be only 1 per cent where 1½ per cent had been charged, the half of 1 per cent or surplus which would accumulate after certain reserves had been taken care of, would be available for distribution in dividends to the borrower shareholders and would be placed to the credit of their accounts, and would be available for the reduction of the mortgage debt.

Will Adjust Itself

"I think it becomes apparent from the foregoing that while the amount of spread as between cost of money and loaning interest rate is a matter of some importance, that it is largely a matter that will adjust itself. I think it also would be apparent that if a low level of cost be established, there would be some readjustment made of the whole matter in the future when the spread would be reduced. It might be asked, for instance, why it is that the shareholders are not paid at the flat rate of 5 per cent on their share capital on the same basis as the Dominion and Provincial Governments are? The answer of course is that such a proceeding would exclude them from participating in the profits of the scheme, or in other words, from getting the service that they are getting from the agency of the Farm Loan Board at cost.

Purposes of Loans

"Some questions have been raised about the limited purposes for which loans could be obtained, and for that reason it is interesting to turn to Section 7 of the Canadian Farm Loan Act and sub-section 2 thereof, in which it states that the profits of such loan shall be used for the following purposes and no others:

(a) To purchase farm land;
(b) To purchase fertilizers, seed, live-stock, tools, machinery and any implements and equipment necessary to the proper operation of the farm mortgaged;
(c) To erect farm buildings or to clear, drain, fence or make any other permanent improvement tending to increase the productive value of the land;
(d) To discharge liabilities already accumulated;
(e) Any purpose which in the judgment of the Board may be reasonably considered as improving the value of the land for agricultural purposes.

"A careful reading of this sub-section will indicate that particular attention is given to sub-section (e) and that the purpose for which the loans can be obtained almost cover every contingency that may arise in connection with the operation or acquisitd of a farm.

Loans Must Be Sound

"It is well to remember, of course, that this piece of legislation is not designed to do anything else than to conduct a mortgage farm loan business, and that it is impossible for a business of that description to be carried out successfully if any departure be made from what is consistent with good business principles, in other words, that the loan shall be sound. It may also be unnecessary for me to mention, but it is nevertheless the case, that any volume of unsound loans which resulted in loss would have a direct and a very serious effect on the whole

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Bow River Farmers Rally at Great U.F.A. Convention

Member Receives Enthusiastic Reception on Presenting Report to Large Gathering at Gleichen—Many New Memberships in U.F.A. Paid In—Convention Endorses New School Bill—Oppose Assisted Farm Immigration—Ask Inquiry Into High Cost of Fuel Oil

By H. W. LEONARD, Tudor

In spite of unprecedently hot weather, the annual convention of the Bow River U.F.A. Federal Constituency Association, held in Gleichen on July 30th and 31st, was one of the best attended and most successful in the history of this constituency. Fully 250 delegates and visitors were present, and the great enthusiasm with which the report of E. J. Garland, M.P., upon his stewardship at Ottawa was received, and with which the delegates expressed their confidence in him, demonstrated very clearly that the people in Bow River are very much alive to Federal issues, and that they have closely followed the record of the representative of the constituency. For about two hours the convention paid close attention through the stifling heat to his clear-cut and convincing account of events in the Dominion Parliament and their bearing on the interests of the primary producers of this Province. During the course of the convention 340 memberships were paid in, and there is every evidence of the determination of the farmers and farm women of Bow River to carry on their work in the constituency even more effectively in the future than in the past.

Gleichen's Splendid Reception

At the outset we desire to compliment the Gleichen board of trade and the Gleichen people for the splendid reception and assistance they gave to the convention. Everything we had asked for or suggested had been arranged so promptly and cheerfully that the two days' program went through without a hitch or a complaint, which made it very pleasant for all of us. The welcome signs and banners in the shop windows and on the streets created a most happy frame of mind for the event.

After he had called the convention to order, F. G. Donkin, president of the constituency association, was elected chairman and J. H. Schmaltz assistant chairman. The invocation by Rev. Mr. Corcoran, of Gleichen, was followed by a bright and cordial address of welcome by Mayor Purcell. The remainder of the morning sufficed to dispose of routine business—adoption of minutes and board reports, etc.

At the opening of the afternoon session, Mrs. Green of the Berrywater Local, accompanied by Mrs. Goodwin, of Gleichen, delighted the convention with a beautiful vocal solo. Privileges of the floor without the right to vote were extended to all U.F.A., U.F.W.A. and Junior members present, and this privilege was also extended to the people of Gleichen (a new departure), who had expressed a desire to speak after the Minister of Education's anticipated address on the proposed Education Act. This opportunity was very tactfully used by the Gleichen people, and added much to the mutual good feeling manifest throughout the whole meeting.

The Livestock Pool

A. B. Claypool, M.L.A. for Didsbury, and President of the Livestock Pool, then addressed the convention with one of his characteristically short, concise, well-packed speeches, on the livestock pooling situation and the necessity for the hog producers to establish a modern packing plant so that the surplus of hog products, facing a weak market, always existing under such conditions, could be processed and stored to be supplied to the market later when selling conditions were better for the producers, thus insuring for the producer the real and full average price for his products. That such a weakness exists was clearly shown by the market figures Mr. Claypool quoted. This is the next logical move for the producers of livestock to take, especially, as Mr. Claypool stated, because the buyers of livestock, consisting, until lately of seven companies, have by consolidations been reduced virtually to only two very strong organizations. Organization must be met by equally strong farmer-owned organizations. The address was well received and impressed many with the necessity of livestock organization even in those parts of the Province where wheat is the main product. Mr. Claypool also intimated that a truck service was under consideration by the Livestock Pool to meet that need.

Baker on School Bill

Hon. Perren Baker, Minister of Education, was never in better form and gave the large audience of some 250 people the best exposition of the proposed School Act the writer has yet heard. Though the heat was almost unbearable, the audience paid the closest attention, which was evidenced by the questions asked following the address. These were keen and to the point, to such an extent that the Minister good naturedly remarked that some of them were of the "stand and deliver" order. It was clear, however, that the address was impressive, as at the close of it a resolution was passed endorsing the bill with only two or three dissenting votes, a rather remarkable vote from delegates coming, many of them, from highly assessed districts which will feel heavily the equalized assessment feature of the bill.

Later a resolution was passed, which was heard by the Minister, asking that the examination fees payable by students taking examinations be eliminated from the School Act. It was passed almost unanimously and supported by some very able and vigorous speeches by the delegates. The Minister, answering questions on this matter, was not quite so happy as on his School Bill, as he gave no better reasons for the continued imposition of this tax than he has heretofore. The delegates as a whole are clearly opposed to this tax. It is often, as was shown in the debate, very unjust and always irritating. The money involved, if needed, as was pointed out by the Minister, could, it was the opinion of the convention, be raised in some other and less exasperating way.

A resolution from Beiseiker asked that all telephone poles hereafter erected be placed within one foot of the edge of the road allowances to enable modern road making machinery to operate efficiently, which is not now the case, especially with the conveyor type of grader. It was pointed out that the electric line poles are so placed and the telephone poles as now set often seriously interfere with the most economical work being done.

Members' Indemnity

A resolution asking the convention to go on record in favor of an increased indemnity for members of Parliament was passed without opposition.

After considerable discussion, which was all favorable, a resolution was passed that "we are absolutely opposed to any further assisted immigration for settlement on the land until general farm conditions improve, over a period of years, indicating that a better demand exists for stable farm products than at present," and endorsing the attitude of the U.F.A. member in Parliament on this subject.

A resolution asking the Minister of Trade and Commerce, Mr. Malcolm, to have printed and distributed to "the trade" immediately the new grain tickets authorized by Parliament at the last session, to avoid any possibility of confusion in the handling of this year's crop by way of hybrid, mongrel, or other illegitimate documents, as happened last year, was passed.

The evening was spent at a very enjoyable dance in the community hall which was well attended. Excellent music was furnished by Tom Shaw's Calgary orchestra and was much appreciated. One of the features of the evening was the dancing of several Indians from the Reservation close by Gleichen. No native war dancing, but all the modern steps of the most intricate nature were exhibited by several "Laughing Waters" of dusky beauty, and their sinuous boy friends. It is clear that the education of the wards of the nation is not being neglected. Both their dancing and painting are up to the most modern standards.

The Weed Problem

After the Wednesday morning call to order, S. J. Ewing, of the Provincial Weed Inspection Department, gave a very important and interesting talk on the weed situation in the Province, with special reference to the alarming spread of sow thistle and means for its eradication, as well as other noxious weeds. He stated that the chemical plant poison now being experimented with by the Government and many of the municipalities gives promise of excellent results and should be watched carefully by all farmers as an efficient means of getting the best of persistent weeds not amenable to ordinary cultivation methods.

Wednesday's Resolutions

During the day the following resolutions were adopted:

1. "Resolved that we urge the Canadian Government to use its influence in connection with other nations to see that reduction in armaments takes place at once."

2. "Resolved that the convention reaffirm the resolution of Mr. William Irvine, namely, That in case of war all wealth as well as man power and industry be conscripted."

3. "Resolved that this convention go on record as being absolutely op-

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Many Public Issues Discussed at Camrose Convention

Federal U.F.A. Convention Expresses Confidence in Member—Urges Alberta Government to Appeal to Privy Council on Natural Resources Issue—Not Satisfied with Federal Government's Policy

W. T. Lucas, M.P., the representative of Camrose in the House of Commons, received a very hearty expression of appreciation and of confidence in his services, following the presentation of his report on the last session of Parliament to the Camrose U.F.A. Federal Constituency Convention in the picture theatre at Forestburg on Thursday, August 1st. Robert Gardiner, M.P., chairman of the U.F.A. group at Ottawa, who was one of the speakers of the day, in congratulating all present on the splendid reception they had given their member, stated that the convention was one of the best which he had attended. The convention heard addresses by other prominent speakers, and adopted several resolutions which have an important bearing upon public policy. Hector MacKenzie, the president of the Association, was the elected chairman of the convention. Thirty-two U.F.A. and U.F.W.A. Locals were represented by forty-two delegates, and there were many visitors.

The Resolutions

Full consideration of the new Education Bill by the people of the Province prior to the next session of the Legislature was urged in the first resolution adopted by the Convention.

The Provincial Department of Agriculture was asked to arrange forthwith "to employ some of the unemployed agriculturists in putting up hay where it can be found to meet the feed shortage for the coming winter."

The Alberta Government were also asked "to conduct an investigation to ascertain whether the present prices of oil and gasoline are justified." The resolution on this subject pointed out that although Alberta is producing oil and gasoline in large quantities, the price of this commodity is unduly high.

Another resolution recorded the convention's appreciation of "the splendid fight of our U.F.A. members in the readjustment of the Board of Grain Commissioners, especially the efforts of Messrs. Garland and Coote."

Government assistance to enable farmers' sons to settle on the land was sought "as they are more accustomed to conditions here than the new settlers who are being brought in, as most are unfit for farming."

Natural Resources

The following resolution on the subject of Alberta's Natural Resources was adopted:

"Resolved, that this Convention is not satisfied with the present Federal Government policy in relation to the development of Natural Resources;

"We therefore urge the Provincial Government to appeal to the Privy Council to get a ruling on the standing of the Province on this important question."

The Convention asked that Section 29 of the Municipal Hail Insurance be struck out, on the ground that it is unfair, and that "the responsibility of taking on insurance be with the hail insurance company."

Discontinuance of the "permission granted to certain organizations to carry on gambling and games of chance," was sought. The Provincial Government were asked to provide that "the penalty for unpaid taxes for 1929, retroactive, be reduced to seven per cent. the usual bank interest," on the ground that "a great many taxpayers will be unable to pay their taxes owing to bad crops this fall."

Municipal Secretaries' Meeting

The following resolution was also adopted:

"Whereas the annual meeting of municipal secretaries is held in connection with the annual meeting of the Municipal Hail Insurance Board, for which the Hail Insurance Board is paying all expenses; and

"Whereas the business transacted at the secretaries' convention had nothing whatever to do with municipal hail insurance; and

"Whereas the representation at the municipal insurance meeting was unfair, inasmuch as twenty-five or twenty-six delegates were councillors that had not insured in the municipal hail insurance.

"Therefore, be it resolved, that the municipal secretaries' meeting be done away with, and that the funds formerly spent for said meeting, be used towards expenses to elect delegates for the annual meeting, and that said delegates be elected at the annual municipal meeting, by those ratepayers that are insured in the municipal hail insurance."

At the opening session, Mr. MacKenzie gave a very interesting report on the work of the executive during the past years and the remainder of the morning was devoted to routine business, committees being appointed as follows: Order of Business and Credentials, A. G. Andrews, M.L.A., J. E. Brown, Mrs. G. Roose; Resolutions, A. L. Sanders, M.L.A., Charles P. Hayes, A. Logar.

Directors' Reports Well Received

The afternoon session was opened with the singing of "O Canada." Mrs. A. L. Zipperer, U.F.W.A. Director, then gave an address on the work of the Association and particularly of the U.F.W.A., which was received with hearty applause. J. E. Brown outlined the problems and achievements of the U.F.A., and urged all present to keep the membership up to standard. He received an enthusiastic welcome from the delegates, as did A. L. Sanders, M.L.A., for Stettler, who congratulated the mayor and board of trade of Forestburg on the splendid arrangements they had made to welcome the delegates and visitors, and A. G. Andrews, M.L.A. for Sedgewick, who spoke on various Provincial problems.

Dr. L. M. Rogers, mayor of Forestburg, then extended an invitation to the Association to hold their next convention in Forestburg.

W. T. Lucas, M.P., in his opening remarks, thanked all who had been responsible for the large and successful gathering. He gave a very valuable outline of the work of the last session at Ottawa.

A comprehensive description of the amendments to the Canada Grain Act was given by Robt. Gardiner, M.P., who also discussed the Wheat Pool contract and the principles and practice of co-operation. The convention expressed its appreciation of Mr. Gardiner's fine address by a hearty vote of thanks.

Officers Elected

Officers for the coming year were elected as follows: President, Charles P. Hayes, Strome; first vice-president, Mrs. Ed. Kehoe, Camrose; second vice-president, G. Oberg, Forestburg; directors, division one, N. Toppe, Meeta; division two, A. Haywood, Galahy; division three, James McConnell, Nevis; division four, W. J. Brady, Edberg; division five, A. Rhynson, Bawlf; division six, F. Grundage, Lougheed.

Following the convention, a meeting of the board was held, when F. Grundage was re-elected secretary-treasurer and press correspondent.

The convention proved, by common consent, one of the most successful ever held in the Camrose Federal constituency.

Wainright Convention Held at Buffalo Park

Much Enthusiasm Shown at Gathering on August 3rd

The Wainwright Provincial Constituency Association held its convention on Saturday, August 3rd, at the Buffalo Park in Wainwright.

While the attendance was rather small, the enthusiasm shown and the pleasure derived were all that could be desired. Seldom is there such a universality of opinion as the one expressed that it was a great success.

The officers for the coming year were elected as follows: President, C. T. Hill, Irma; Vice-president, B. C. Lees, Edgerton; Secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Postans, Heath. The Directors elected were Hugh Lacey, Mrs. Mel. Johnstone, Fred Ford, Mr. McDougall and J. Fenton.

Three very interesting addresses were listened to with interest, J. R. Love, M.L.A., giving his report of the year's legislation, W. J. Jackman, the Wheat Pool representative in the Argentine, telling of conditions there, and Hon. Perren Baker speaking on the much discussed School Bill.

Lunch and supper were both served on the grounds by the women present.

NEW ACCESSORY

The apparently respectable man was brought into a court for a petty theft. The Judge interrogated him, and it appeared he had been caught running off with a sign from a construction job.

"What did the sign say?" the Judge asked.

"'No Help Wanted'."

"Well, what in the world did you want with it?"

"You see, Judge," was the meek answer. "I was going to hang it in the back of my car, where my wife could see it."—*Strand.*

"I do hope you keep cows in a pasture," said Mrs. Newlywed as she paid the milkman.

"Yes, madam," replied the milkman, "of course we keep them in a pasture."

"I'm so glad. I've been told that pasteurized milk is much the best."

News from Alberta Wheat Pool Head Office

Information for Members and Locals Issued by the Publicity Department of the Alberta Wheat Pool.

"Be Just and Fair," Advice to Pool Agents

Pool Elevator System Built for Service and Not Profits—Agents of 436 Pool Elevators Meet in Calgary

During the week of August 5th the agents of Alberta Wheat Pool elevators assembled in Calgary and listened to addresses given by the directors and officials of the organization. A general discussion followed each address, and Pool elevator problems were considered from every angle.

The agents were told very plainly that their duty consisted in giving honest, equitable and efficient service to Pool members. They were impressed with the fact that their best interests lay in giving the membership fair weights. Pool elevators were not built to secure excess earnings but rather to give the Pool member every possible advantage, without discrimination.

Grain trade practises of exacting profits by hidden methods will not go with the Pool elevator system, the agents were told. Each agent must do all his business openly and must strive to show the membership that a new era has dawned and Pool members can now rely on their elevator system to treat them fairly.

This spirit was the key-note of the sessions, and it was made plain that agents who will not come up to the Pool standard are not wanted in the organization.

H. W. Wood's Advice

"Be fair and honest and give the best service."

This was the advice H. W. Wood gave the agents of Alberta Wheat Pool elevator agents assembled in the conference.

"There is not the slightest inducement for any Pool employee to be dishonest in any detail," the chairman of the Alberta Wheat Pool stated. "You can give the best service by being fair and square."

Mr. Wood pointed out that this state of affairs was different under the old system of buying and selling for profit. Then, no matter how straight a man was, there was always the incentive to be dishonest. The Pool way places a premium on fairness and honesty.

The speaker declared that the success of the Pool movement depends upon co-operation and team-work. All have to learn to work harmoniously and efficiently for the sake of the 38,000 members who compose the Alberta Wheat Pool. The interests of the membership is supreme, but agents should make it a point to treat members with equity. No member or group of members should get preferred treatment over the rest.

Manager on Duty of Agents

R. D. Purdy, manager of the Alberta Wheat Pool and Pool elevators, urged the agents to get acquainted with the Pool members and to do their best to see that as much Pool wheat as possible was delivered to Pool elevators. He pointed out that this year the Alberta Pool would operate 433 elevators. Agents were urged to give Pool members fair weights and grades and the speaker pointed out that it will profit Pool agents nothing to have a large overage. The organization has been built up for the protection of the membership. Excess earnings are secondary to justice to the producer members.

Mr. Purdy stated that this year the Coarse Grains Pool would be in operation. Coarse Grains will be accepted from all Wheat Pool members. When a Wheat Pool member who is also a member of the Coarse Grains Pool, delivers coarse grains, he will receive an initial payment and subsequently interim payments. Where a Wheat Pool member who is not a member of the Coarse Grains Pool delivers coarse grains, he will be given a warehouse receipt for his coarse grain at the point where he desires to dispose of it.

Mr. Purdy pointed out to the agents that Pool elevators are built for Pool members and non-Pool grain cannot be handled excepting where the Pool elevator is the only one at that shipping point. At points where there are other elevators besides the Pool house, the Pool operates under private license and Pool grain only can be handled. He stated that joint shipments can be taken in by Pool elevators in the instances of landlord and tenant, or where similar arrangements are in effect. The manager pointed out to the agents that while a large patronage dividend was paid out last year, excess earnings of Pool elevators will not be so large this year. This is due to the fact that the 1928 crop did not lend itself to mixing and that there was little tough grain. Furthermore, as the Pool elevator system is extended and points taken in where handlings are smaller, excess earnings will be more restricted.

T. E. Oliver's Address

T. E. Oliver, assistant manager, advised the assembled agents to give all Pool members courteous treatment, honest weights, actual grades, and to carefully preserve the identity of special bin shipments. He explained that Pool agents could not be permitted to over-grade, because the narrow margin of profit in Pool elevators did not permit it, and then, too, all Pool members must receive the same treatment. Non-Pool elevators appear to be willing to over-grade on Pool wheat, apparently to try and discredit the operations of Pool elevators, Mr. Oliver said, but they have many more opportunities to make up losses than have Pool elevators.

Mr. Oliver said that while he was employed for years with a line elevator company, his experiences since coming to the Pool convinced him that the Pool way was the best and only way as far as the producer is concerned. He said that the Pool system gave the employee a chance to be fair and above-board with the producer.

Stand Up for Pool

J. H. Turner, general superintendent, urged the agents to stand up for their own organization and to defend it against anti-Pool propaganda. It had been brought to his attention that agents for grain company elevators spent a lot of time running down the Wheat Pool and he thought Pool elevator agents should do all they can to offset this adverse criticism.

Mr. Turner drew the agents' attention to the fact that orders for coal should be booked during August and September, as it can be bought cheaper during these months. He stated that the coal business was an important feature of Pool elevator operations and should not be treated as a mere sideline.

Weigh the members' grain just as though it were your own grain, was the speaker's admonition. The Pool elevator system does not want to take the outlandish weights which many line grain company elevators take.

Other speakers were: C. Jensen, director for Lethbridge district, W. McLeod, H. L. McDonald, C. B. McNeill, all divisional superintendents; T. R. Humphries, accountant; Jos. Bennett, terminal elevator superintendent; C. J. Floyd, grade checker; George Barrs, in charge of the traffic department; R. O. German, secretary; R. N. Mangles, superintendent growers' department; F. R. Martin, superintendent contract department; L. D. Neebitt, superintendent publicity department; E. E. Eisenhauer, field service, M. W. Jennings, construction department; Joe Quinn, W. H. Boyle, M. M. Porter, solicitor, and others.

GRAIN FLOW REGULATED

There is no doubt but what the Canadian Wheat Pool is the best, and most effective producers' organization that is, or ever had been in existence, for, what they have been able to do they have done in an able, honest and ingenious way, says the *Canadian Milling Journal*. They have not only regulated movement from the farms in an orderly way and erected local and terminal elevators to an extent that was generally thought impossible, but they have also regulated the flow of grain from the terminal elevators to consuming centres in foreign countries to the best advantage possible.

The Coarse Grains Pool is under way this year in Alberta. This Province has lagged behind the other Prairie Provinces in the matter of forming a Coarse Grains Pool. Members of this Pool will now be able to get the best average price obtainable over a year's marketing. The Pool way is the right way.

The Alberta Wheat Pool Expects Every Pool Member To Do His Duty

"Patronize Pool Elevators"

The coming crop year will give members of the Alberta Wheat Pool a new opportunity to prove their loyalty and good judgment.

There will be a bright crop this year. That is an assured fact. There will not be the unmanageable load of grain which choked elevators and railways last harvest.

With less grain to be handled the elevator agents are going to strive to get every bushel rushed put through their elevators in the greatest possible time, for on the more profits they will make. About fifty per cent of all the wheat raised in Alberta is Pool wheat. [illegible] Pool elevators in operation in this Province during the coming crop year, [illegible] which should handle ninety per cent of all Pool grain.

EVERY BUSHEL OF POOL WHEAT WHICH CAN POSSIBLY BE DELIVERED TO A POOL ELEVATOR SHOULD GO THERE. The extreme importance of this can not be over-estimated. This will be a testing year, as far as the Pool elevator system is concerned, and Pool members should make it doubly sure that their own elevator system gets every possible bushel of Pool wheat.

Pool elevators are built for the exclusive use of Pool members. Not only does the Pool elevator system give Pool members a position in the weighing and handling of Pool grain but they also are an important cog in the marketing of Pool grain.

When Pool wheat is in Pool line elevators or terminals it is readily available to the Selling Agency at all times. Experience has shown that this has saved many dollars and cents to the Pool membership.

The protective feature of Pool elevators can not be under-estimated. They are not operated for profit. They are operated exclusively for the convenience and service of the membership.

Service is a misused word these days. But no profit-seeking organization can or will give the true service that Pool elevators give to Pool members. The interests of the member is paramount. All else is secondary.

It is true that in the past the success of Pool elevators have been minimized by others whose private interests have been affected. A continuation of this campaign of misrepresentation may be expected in the future, also particularly during this crop year. But with a good majority of the staunch loyalty of the members the Pool system cannot be harmed.

Members of the Alberta Pool have OVER SIX MILLION DOLLARS INVESTED IN THEIR OWN ELEVATORS. This tremendous equity must be preserved and protected. The best way to do this is to deliver Pool wheat to Pool elevators.

Elevators owned or controlled by mergers and corporations are not operated for fun or for the benefit of any except the shareholders who are in clude [illegible] these elevator systems MUST MAKE PROFITS. This fact should be impressed on the mind of every Pool member who may be tempted by outside promises to deliver his grain to an elevator organization other than his own.

Within a space of three brief years the Alberta Wheat Pool has built up a splendid elevator system and organization. The welfare of the organization is the same thing as the welfare of the Pool member, rests with the membership.

SHIP EVERY POSSIBLE BUSHEL OF POOL WHEAT THROUGH POOL ELEVATORS

Changes in Canada Grain Act

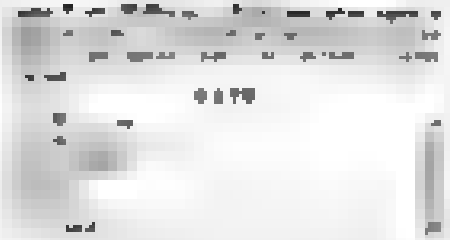
A Speculative Market

Wheat Pool Will Pay Farm Storage

Annual Prices

Brandon Seed Pool Prices Are Better

Coarse Grain Pool Begins Operation



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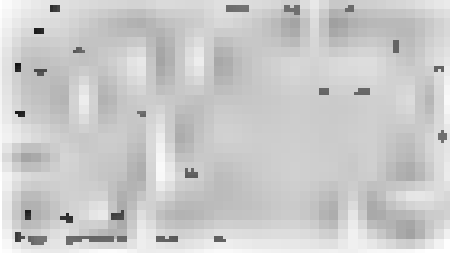

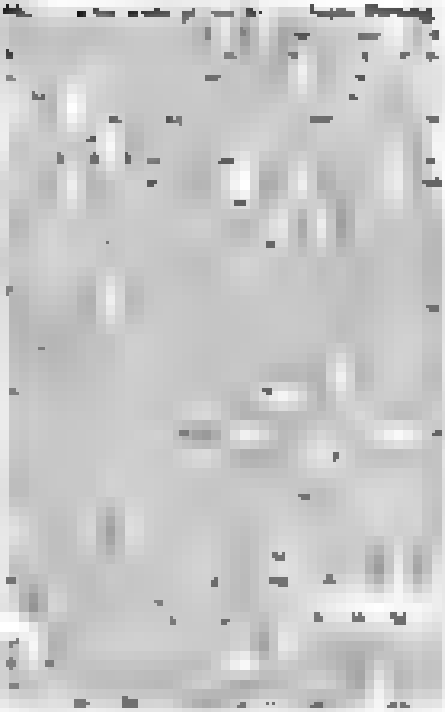

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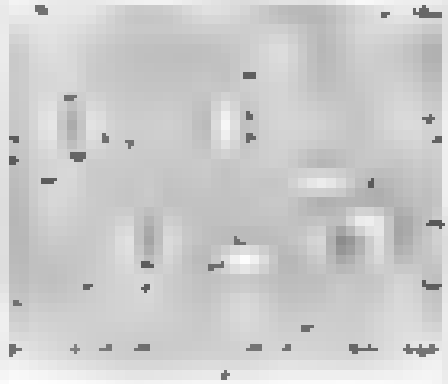

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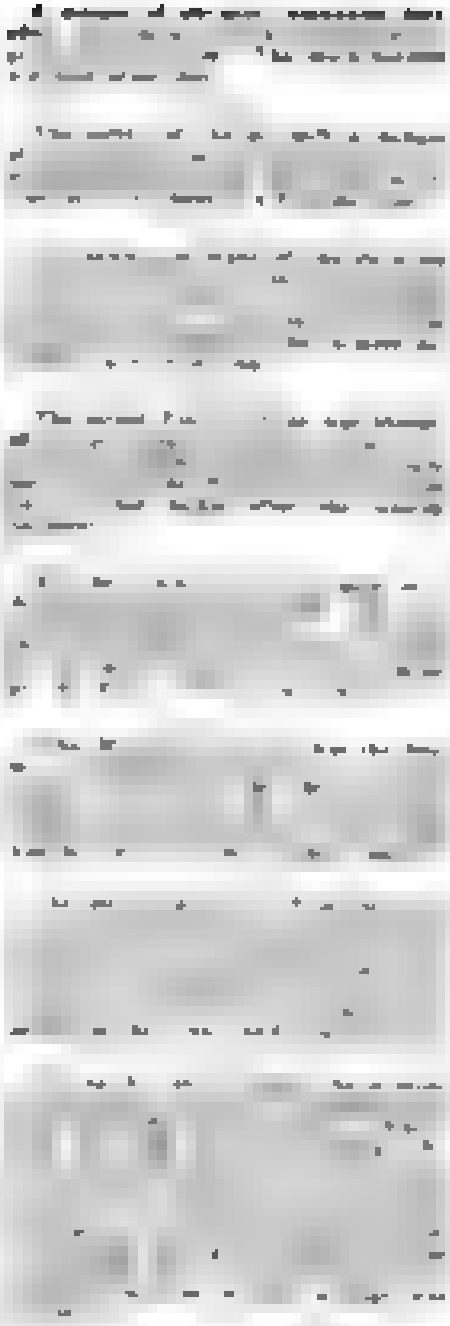

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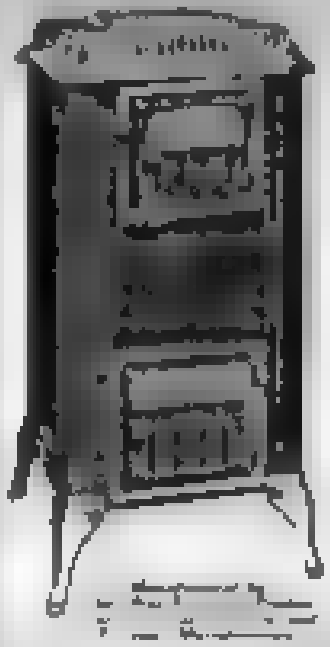

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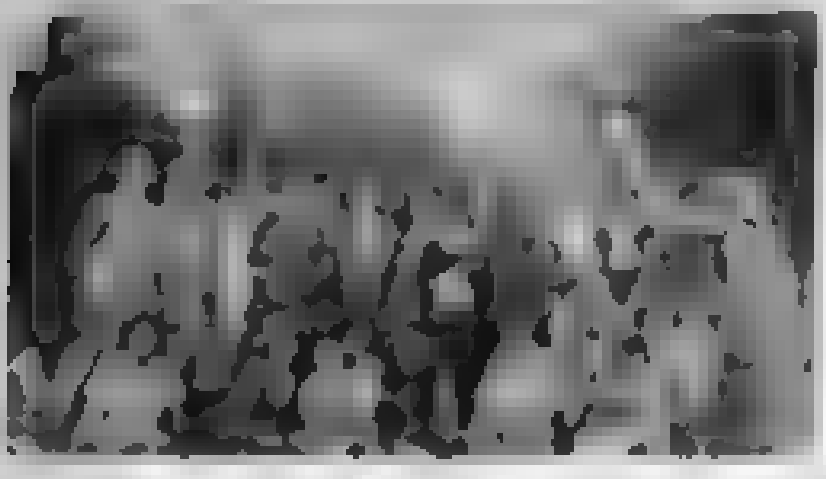

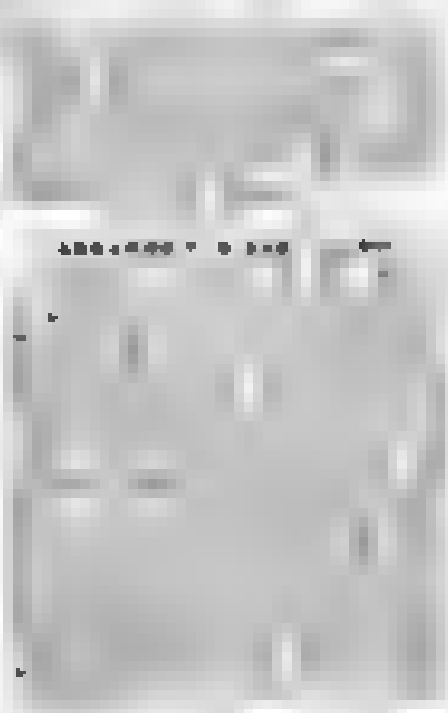

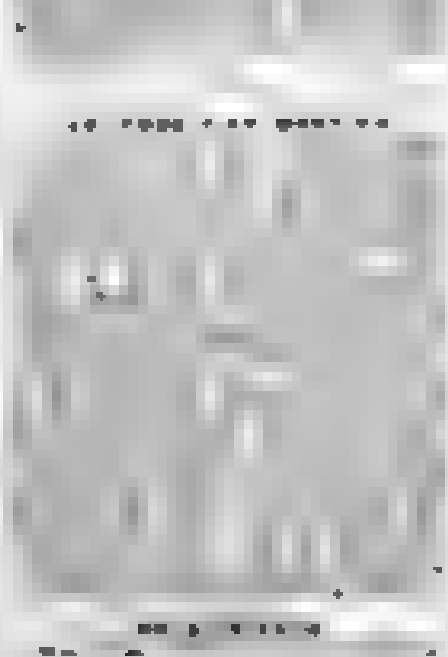

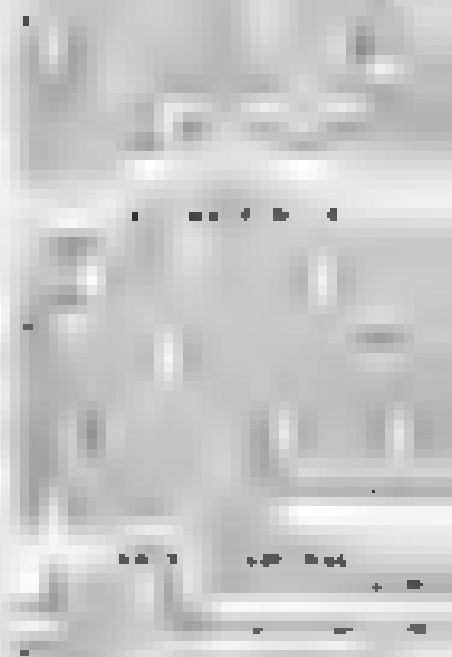

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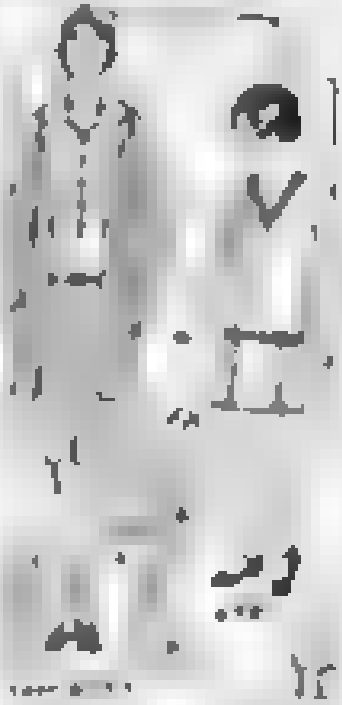

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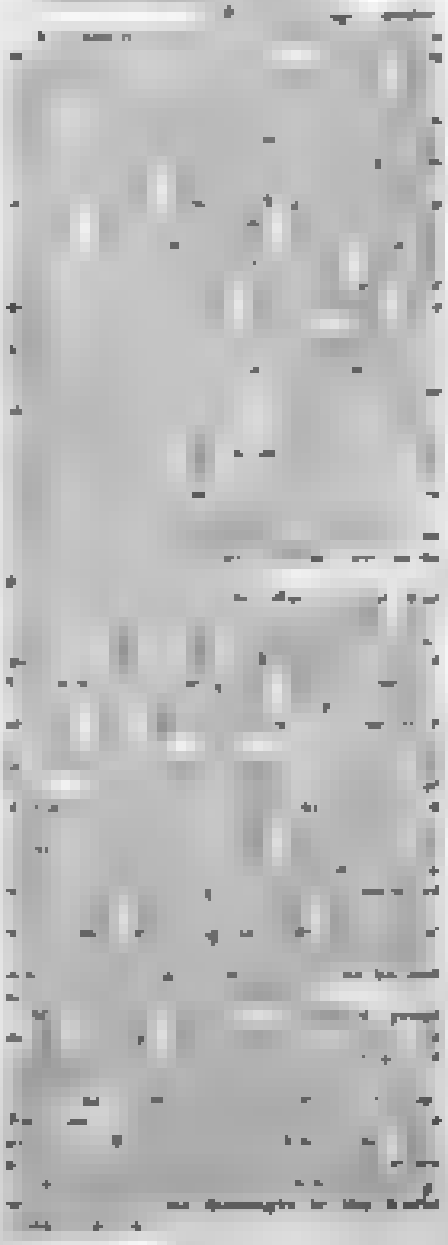

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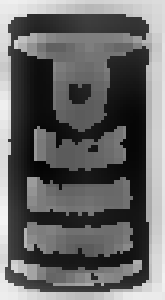

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Iowa State Agricultural College Wesley Darrah, A. Marston, F. D. Paine.
University of Illinois: S. W. Parr, A. E. Patton.
Harvard Dean W. Mallet and Professors Tenchian and Sanderlius.
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute: S. N. Lawrence, H. G. Harris, W. J. Williams.
Worcester Polytechnic Institute: C. M. Allen.
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Massachusetts Institute of Technology: F. S. Dellenbaugh, [illegible] Dahl, L. C. Jackson, A. E. Kennelly, Henry Shaw.
University of Michigan E. E. Day, F. [illegible] Sharpless, A. B. White.
Northwestern University D. Himmelblau, H. S. Heilman. Himmelblau was paid by the Middle West Utilities company, an "anti" concern, which formulated the voucher system for the National Electric Light Association. Heilman got his expense money through Parker of the Trust, the time that Professor Ely was being prosecuted.

F. E. Gilbreth, whose institutional engineering is not mentioned, he but was paid by the Trust. Labor, Washington, D.

NEW LOCAL

Mrs. H. E. C. B. Schofield, U.F.W.A. Director recently reorganized Sunshine Junior U.F.A. Local at Crossfield. Mrs. Earl and Dilnedred Simpson are the provisional officers.

A NEW AGRICULTURAL ERA"

Co-operation, organ of the South Carolina Cotton Growers' Co-operative Association, states in a recent issue that the interest in co-operative marketing shown by the rural boys and girls of that state promises to be an important factor in its development. Of a recent essay contest it states:

When our boys and girls get to thinking about co-operative marketing, we realize that the trend of farming is in the direction. With the Agricultural Marketing Act and the Essay Contest performed to be news of the day, soon every intelligent member of every farm family in South Carolina will be thinking and talking about co-operative marketing.

Agriculture in this country has passed through various phases of development: first came the virgin land phase, second, the application of science to farming, and the production phase, followed by the development of public and distribution of crops, reduction of farming costs and development of agricultural economics; and now co-operative marketing.

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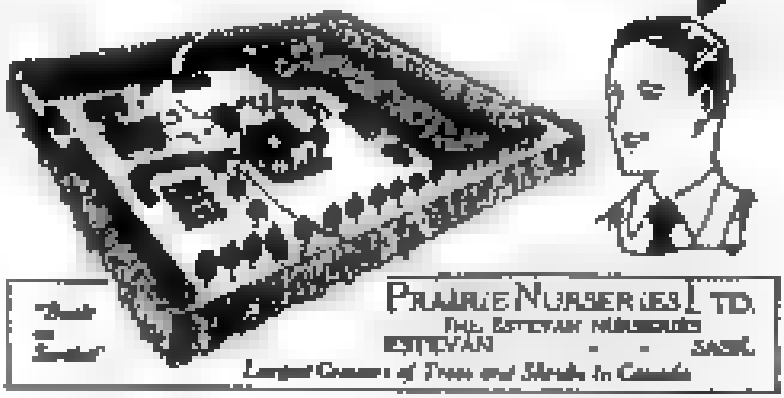

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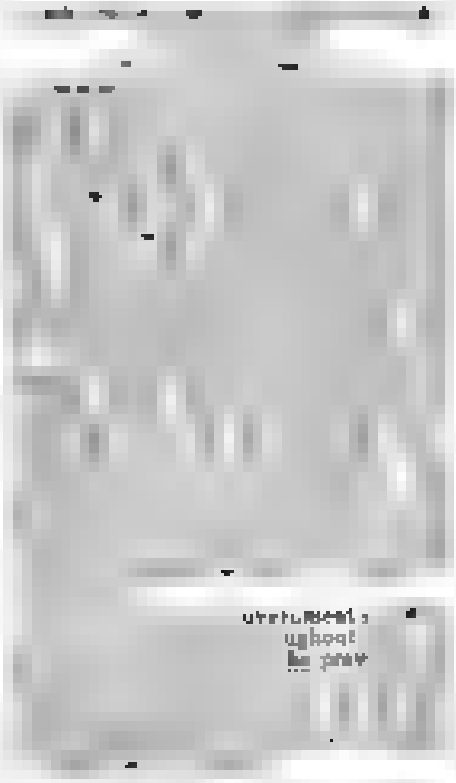

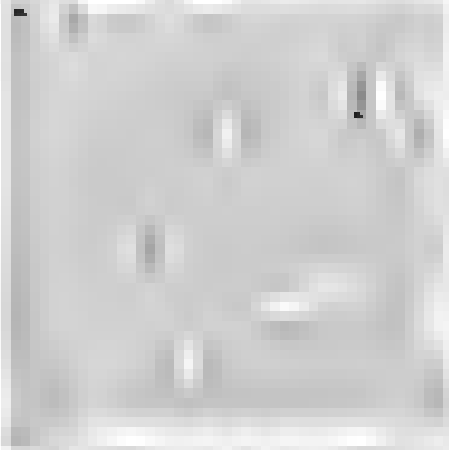

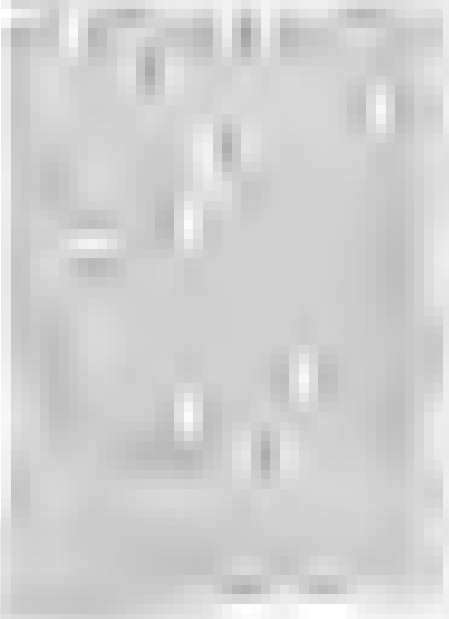

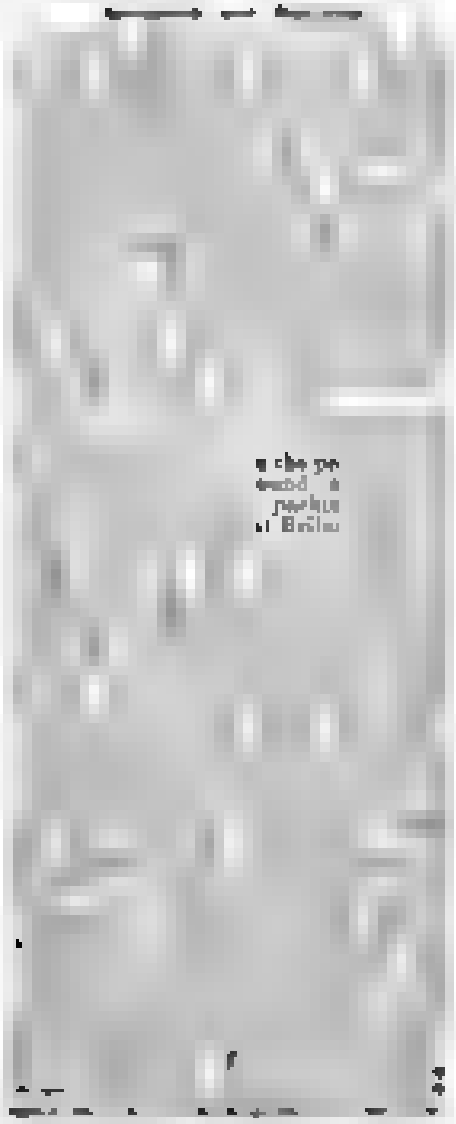

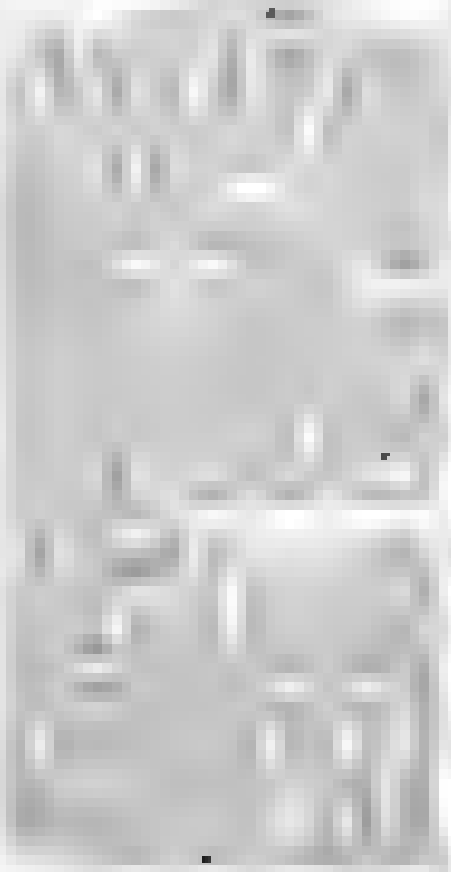

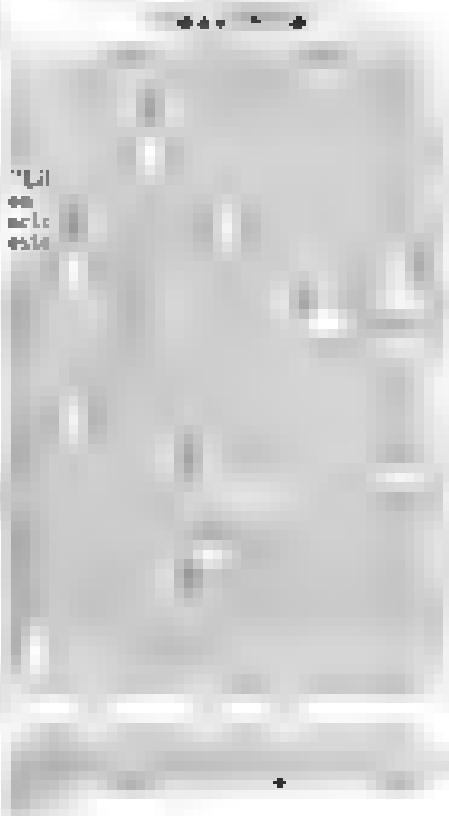

NEW RIVER FARMERS HAD A DAY AT GREAT [illegible] CONVENTION

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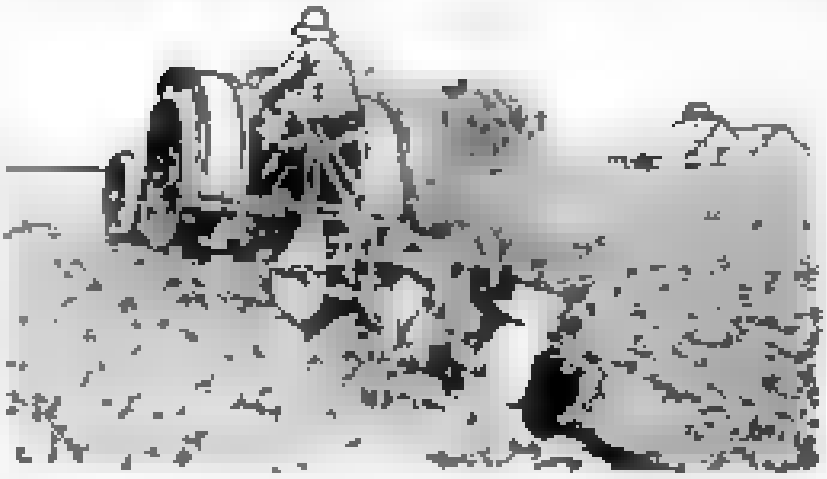

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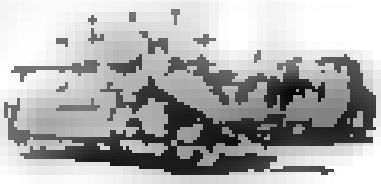

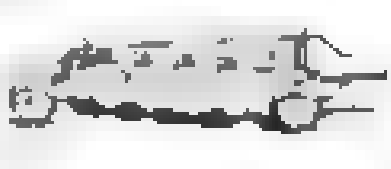

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OFFICIAL NEWS from the DAIRY and POULTRY POOLS

Plans and Policies of the Poultry Pool

to build a plant, where would they get money? No bank or financial concern would lend money because there is no guarantee. While the Dairy Pool was building its plant in Edmonton, it was easy enough to get enough money from the banks on the farmers' contracts. The Pool plants are not built for profits, but for the benefit of the members. After four or five years the Pool members of the Northern Alberta Dairy Pool will have a fine building which costs thousands of dollars. What do we get out of private creameries? I wonder how much dividends the farmers got from their cream for about 20 years, selling to private creameries, which were built for their own benefit. I think nothing. And the farmers will get nothing as long as they will support private companies. It's time that we farmers should know more than we do now. Why not sign a contract and support our own dairy business?

Also "True Co-operator" suggests to us not to sign the Livestock Pool contract. Oh well, if a farmer wants to stay outside the Pool and support the private buyer, he can. He can enrich the buyer and he gets all kinds of excitement. As I have noticed, the stock buyers at our own town are getting richer and richer year by year. But there are more towns than Vegreville, and in every town there are at least two buyers. If they had no profits they wouldn't be staying there, and besides they make more money out of a farmer's livestock than the farmer does himself.

I think the old system of marketing has got to be wiped out and a new system set up. Don't you think so, "True Co-operator"? Every farmer should proudly sign his name on a co-operative contract.

A. W. TYMCHUK.

Vegreville, Alta.

POULTRY COMMISSIONER

Commencing about August 15th, Geo. M. Cornie will commence duties under the Alberta Provincial Government as Poultry Commissioner for the Department of Agriculture. Mr. Cornie for some years past has been in charge of the poultry promotion work of the Dominion Government in this Province.

The Poultry Promotion Service of the Dominion Government is being withdrawn from the Province under a recent arrangement between the two Governments, and the policies of both Governments will be continued in the future under the supervision of the Alberta Department of Agriculture.

The Alberta Government has also secured the services of Ivan C. Cunningham who has been associated with Mr. Cornie in his former work and he will join the staff of the Provincial Poultry Branch. E. B. Nicholls and Douglas Thornhill will remain in the service of the Provincial Poultry Branch where they have been employed for some time.

An extensive program of research work along poultry lines will be undertaken by J. H. Hare, who has been Poultry Commissioner, and who under the new arrangement will also take over the work of directing the Provincial Poultry Plant at Oliver, where this research work will be carried on. The Department will work in close co-operation with the various poultry organizations, including the Poultry Pool, the R.O.P. Association, the Turkey Breeders' Association, accredited and approved flock breeders and owners of farm flocks.

Coarse Grains Pool

NOTICE TO CONTRACT SIGNERS

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NEWS FROM THE HEAD OFFICE of the ALBERTA LIVESTOCK POOL

Official Information for Members of the Alberta Co-operative Livestock Producers, Ltd.

Reports From Many Points Show Good Progress Made in Sign-up Campaign

Ninety-five Per Cent of Local Shipping Associations Now Assured of Successful Second Series Sign-up, in Judgment of Pool Officials

Since the commencement of the Livestock Pool sign-up campaign on the first day of June, reports have come in from practically every shipping association, indicating that satisfactory progress is being made. The Pool Head Office, however, has not been informed as to the approximate number of new members signed up by each local shipping association, so no record is at the present time available as to the total new membership signed up.

In North Country

Mr. Marpel, director for the North Country, states that meetings held in the Peace River, Grande Prairie, Spirit River and Pouce Coupe districts have all been well attended and prospects are for a considerable increase in the membership of the Livestock Pool so far as the North Country is concerned.

Both Austin Claypool and Fred McDonald, who have been attending meetings almost continuously since the campaign started, state that the new membership agreement is being well received and local committees are actively working in their respective districts to complete the sign-up at an early date.

Donald MacLeod reports having held some well attended meetings in the West Edmonton district and states that the sign-up campaign is meeting with real success in most districts.

A. B. Haarstad also reports that considerable progress has already been made in District D, and prospects are for a much larger sign-up in districts that have not been well organized in past years.

In Southern Alberta

In Southern Alberta, J. E. Evenson says, "everything is coming along fine". Many farmers who had not before been identified with the Livestock Pool are signing up on the new contract.

Newman Stearns, who has charge of the district north-east of Edmonton, reports having held several well attended meetings. The policy of the Pool has been endorsed in every case and indications are for a larger membership in many districts that had not been served by the Pool in previous years.

Mr. Stearns states that the main problem is to get men to serve on local committees who can afford to give the time that is required to cover the territory in a short campaign period. Farmers have a better understanding of what the Livestock Pool is accomplishing now than they have had at any previous time. The big problem is to place before the livestock producers of Alberta the proper information regarding the advantages of marketing their livestock on the co-operative basis.

Ninety-five Per Cent

Of the thirty-six or more shipping associations now in the Province, officials of the Pool feel safe in stating that ninety-five per cent are now assured of a successful second series sign-up.

All livestock producers who believe in co-operation and who have not yet been canvassed, will greatly assist their local shipping association by sending in their new contract to the local secretary of their association. If you haven't a contract, please write to the Alberta Livestock Pool, Edmonton. The Head Office will be pleased to send you a contract and give you the name of the secretary of your local shipping association.

Grading and Marketing

"The introduction of beef grading and marketing into Canada on a voluntary system under government supervision, will likely be brought into effect about the first of next month," states the *Western Producer*. "Two grades of beef only will be graded and marked. Choice beef will be marked with a red band down the side of the beef that will take in practically all the cuts. Good beef will have a blue band. It will be possible for anyone buying beef to identify practically any cut as choice or good as the band will cover practically every cut in the carcass.

This service, if we may call it such, will be available mainly to the consumers living in the cities, as it will apply in government-inspected plants where the animals slaughtered are inspected for health as well as for quality and meat.

It is estimated that not more than 15 per cent of the beef will come within these two grades and at certain periods of the year less than that percentage. Considerable experience where grading has been applied to other commodities, shows demand for graded and marked beef will materially increase the demand for high quality beef, and it is the opinion of the Government officials that the problem will be to supply this demand, particularly during what are called off seasons of the year—that is, the summer and early fall months. This grading should have one further effect—that of putting a relatively higher price on choice beef. There will be no possibility of substituting and for this reason feeders of cattle should consider this feature for the coming year."

An Old Line Outlook

Progressive farmers are convinced from past experience that co-operative organisation offers the principal hope for improvement in farm marketing conditions. This fact was impressed on an Illinois shipper recently, who received the following reply to a question he had raised with one of the largest old line commission firms on the Chicago market regarding the fluctuation in the market prices of cattle. Here is what the secretary-treasurer of that firm wrote him:

> "Now as regards the fluctuations of the market, will say that this is a condition that has always existed, and we presume always will, because of the fluctuations in the supply and demand, the scarcest articles being the highest price and when everything is plentiful the market is low; therefore, as regards the cattle business about all a person can figure on is that the best plan usually is to just knock along from year to year and do the best you can, and by taking things as they come and being industrious and careful, success is always attained."

In other words, the farmer can do nothing but work industriously and plan carefully and success will be attained. There is no hint or suggestion from this commission firm that success may be attained more readily by working less and curtailing production, and through organization, achieving the same enviable position that labor has achieved through shorter hours and higher pay.

No old line commission company would tell a patron shipper to join a co-operative organization, study market cycles and production curves, and with his neighbor, reduce his annual output and have more money at the end of the year. It is the system as well as the firm above quoted that is wrong.—*National Livestock Producer.*

HARVESTING SHORT-STRAWED CROP WITH ORDINARY BINDER

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in groups so that the separator may be set among them; second they may be placed in rows and a portable thresher or combine moved from stack to stack; or third, they may be arranged in rows and moved by means of a pull rake or other contrivance to a separator.

Those interested in building a barge may secure blueprints and specifications by writing to the Department of Agriculture, Edmonton.

Elevator extensions ready for attachment to the binder may be secured from a number of the farm machinery companies in the Province, or the average farmer may construct this equipment himself at a very reasonable cost, and the necessary expense will be repaid many times over in the additional amount of grain saved by harvesting in this way.

A number of machines are being equipped for demonstration purposes and these have been located at various points in the Province. These may be seen at Vegreville, Vermilion, Sedgewick, Coronation, Camrose, Swalwell, Stettler and at the Provincial Government Farm at Oliver. Each of the machines is in charge of a representative of the Department of Agriculture, who will be glad to assist farmers in the district in similarly adapting their binders to harvest short grain.

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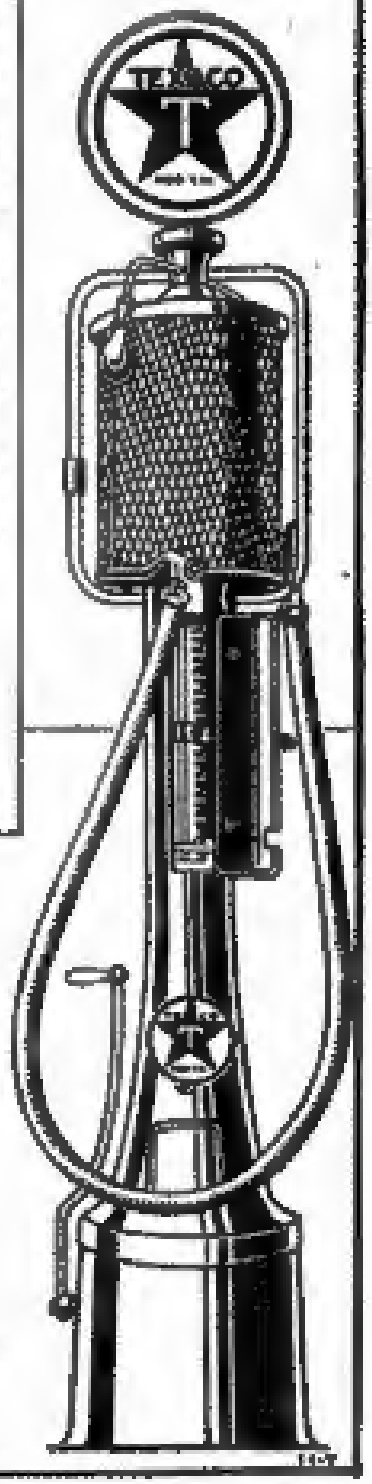

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